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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 3403

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJ: ECUADOR AT THE ILO

REF: (A) STATE 102699; (B) STATE 103404; (C) STATE 104945;  
(D) STATE 105265;

1. AFTER PROTOCOLARY DEMARCHE AT FONOFF, AMBASSADOR AND  
POL/LABOFF CALLED ON GOE LABOR MINISTER JORGE SALVADOR CHIRIBOGA  
MAY 20. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED US POSITION AND LEFT AIDE-MEMOIRE  
CONTAINING TALKING POINTS FROM REF (D).

2. SALVADOR, A RETIRED ARMY COLONEL RECENTLY NAMED MINISTER,  
EXPRESSED SURPRISE ABOUT THE US LETTER OF WITHDRAWAL AND  
LISTENED SYMPATHETICALLY TO THE AMBASSADOR'S EXPOSITION. HE  
REMARKED THAT HE WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH OUT WISHES TO RETURN THE  
ILO TO ITS BASIC AND ORIGIANAL LABOR PURPOSES AND THAT, IN TIMES  
OF TROUBLE, HE "WOULD ALWAYS BE THERE WITH THE STARS AND STRIPES."

3. FOLLOWING THE DEMARCHE ON MINISTER SALVADOR, POL/LABOFF  
CALLED ON WASHINGTON BARRIGA, HEAD OF THE LABOR MINISTRY'S  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT TO GO INTO US POSITION  
IN GREATER DEATIL. BARRIGA ALSO SEEMED SYMPATHETIC TO US  
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VIEWS AND SAID THAT THEY WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN  
HE PREPARED THE GOE POSITION PAPERS FOR THE MINISTER.

4. BARRIGA PROVIDED THE COMPLETE LIST OF THE GOE DELEGATION.

THEY ARE:

A. COLONEL E. M. JORGE G. SALVADOR Y CHIRIBOGA, MINISTER  
OF LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE (HEAD OF DELEGATION;)

B. DR. RODRIGO VALDEZ BAQUERO, ECUADOR'S PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE U.N. (VALDEZ  
WILL PRESIDE IN THE MINISTER'S ABSENCE;)

C. DR. FRANCISCO LARREA DONOSA, GENERAL SUPERVISOR OF  
THE ECUADOREAN SOCIAL SECURITY INSTITUTE;

D. DR. EDUARDO TOBAR, COUNSELOR TO THE EUROPEAN OFFICE  
OF THE U.N.;

E. LIC. CARLOS ALEJANDRO MONTALVO, CONSULTANT TO THE  
MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE;

F. LIC. WASHINGTON BARRIGA LOPEZ,  
CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR  
AND SOCIAL WELFARE;

G. LIC. VINCENTE ALVARADO, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL  
CONFEDERATION OF PUBLIC SERVANTS;

H. DR. FRANCISCO DIAZ GARAICOA, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
CHAMBER FEDERATION (EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVE;)

I. SR. EMILIO VELASCO ORTEGA, PRESIDENT OF CEDOC  
(WORKDER DELEGATE).

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5. IN OUR CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER SALVADOR, HE SAID  
THAT BECAUSE OF THE GENERAL STRIKE CARRIED OUT BY ECUADOR'S  
THREE LABOR CONFEDERATIONS MAY 18, THERE WOULD BE NO WORKDER  
DELEGATE. VELASCO IS PRESIDENT OF THE MARXIST VERSION OF  
CEDOC, (WHOSE OTHER WING IS AFFILIATED TO INTERNATIONAL  
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION). IT IS UNKNOWN IF HE  
WILL ATTEND ON HIS OWN RESOURCES. BARRIGA WAS UNAWARE THAT  
THE MINISTER HAD CHOSEN NOT TO FINANCE A WORKER DELEGATE'S  
ATTENDANCE.

6. COMMENT: MINISTER SALVADOR, A FIERCE ANTI-COMMUNIST,  
IS OBVIOUSLY VERY SYMPATHETIC TO THE US POSITION, BUT HE HAS  
NO EXPERIENCE IN ILO MATTERS AND NO REAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE  
ISSUES. THERE IS AN EXCELLENT CHANCE OF RECEIVING SUPPORT  
DOWN THE LINE FROM GOE DELEGATION AS LONG AS SALVADOR PRE-  
SIDES, BUT ONLY IF USDEL IS ATTENTIVE TO OPPORTUNITY AND  
SEEKS OUT SALVADOR FOR MASSAGING AND CONSULTATION EARLY.

7. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BETTER REPORTING THAN LAST

YEAR FROM GENEVA ON THE BEHAVIOR AND ACTIONS OF THE GOE  
DELEGATION. IF AN ISSUE IS WORTH SO MUCH PREPARATION AND  
REQUIRES DEMARCHES AT MINISTERIAL LEVELS, IT SHOULD ALSO  
BE WORTH SOME EFFORT IN OBTAINING AND REPORTING THE RESULTS  
OF SUCH OVERTURES. WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION THERE CAN BE NO  
FOLLOW-UP AND NO REINFORCEMENT.  
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